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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace page 31, lines 13 to 17 with the following:

~~(F-H)~~ (G-I) Expression of HB9 in the spinal cord of e10.5 wild type embryos ~~(F)~~ (G). Coincidence of expression of HB9 protein (green) and nls-lacZ (-Gal red) in e10.5 Hb9<sup>nls-lacZ/r</sup> spinal cord ~~(G)~~ (H). Absence of HB9 protein in the spinal cord of e10.5 Hb9<sup>nls-lacZ/nls-lacZ</sup> embryos ~~(H)~~ (I).